Long Piece

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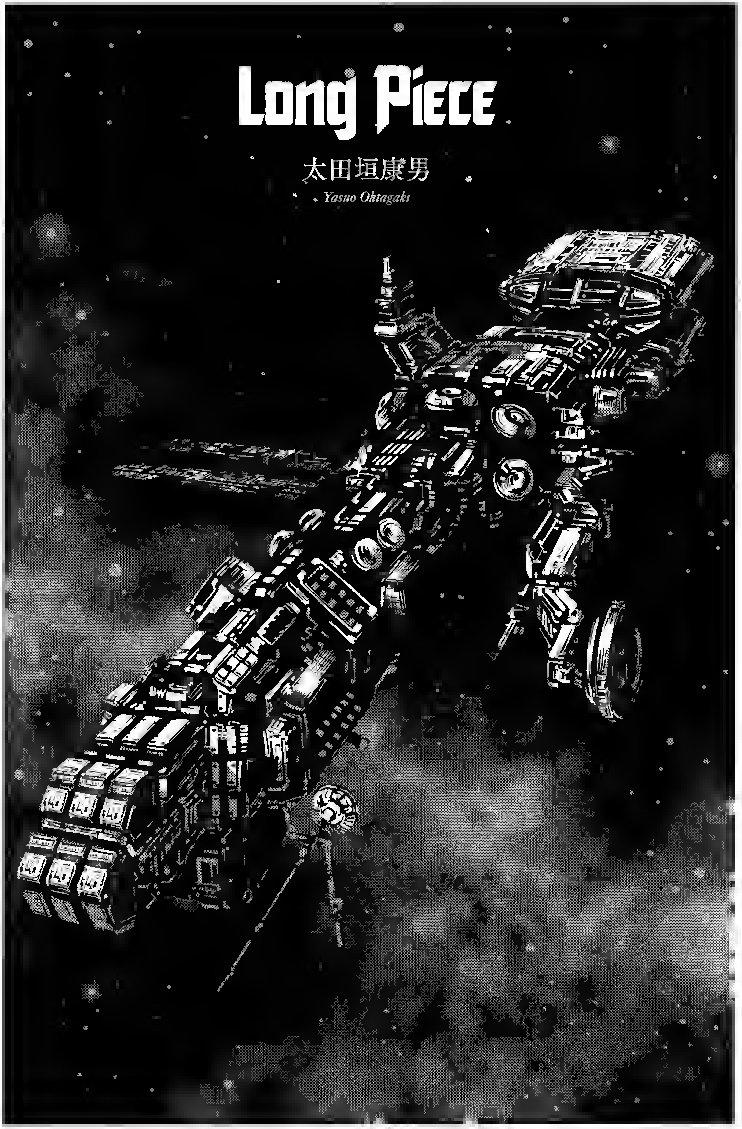

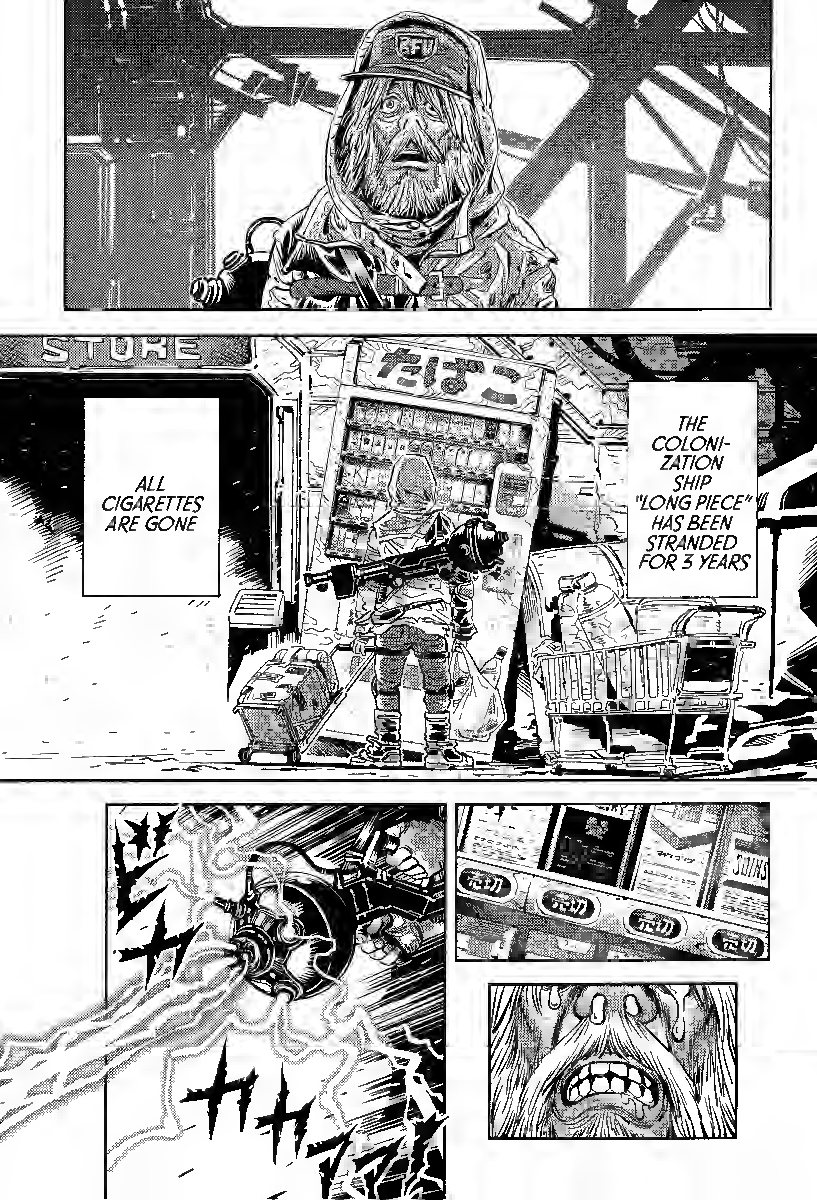
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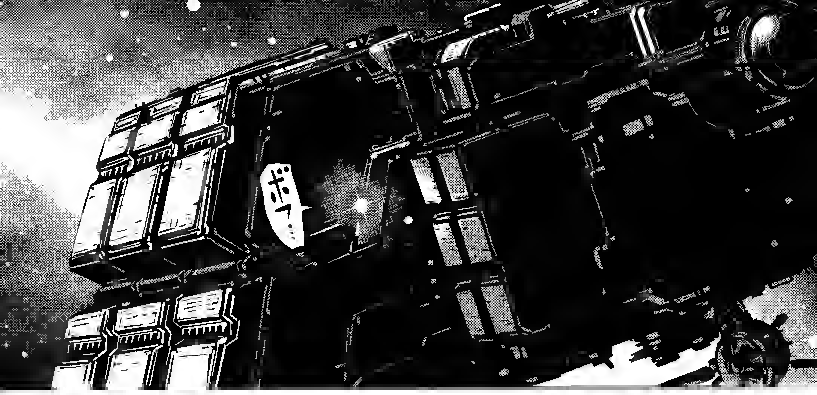
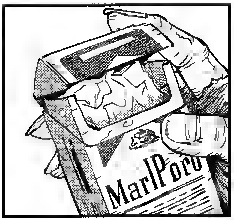
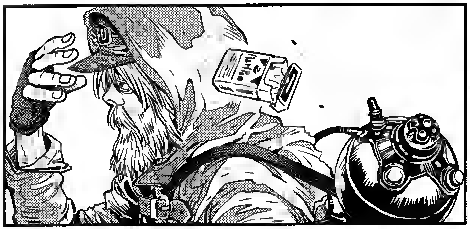
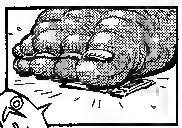
ALL CIGARETTES ARE GONE
THE COLONI-ZATION SHIP "LONG PIECE" HAS BEEN STRANDED FOR 3 YEARS

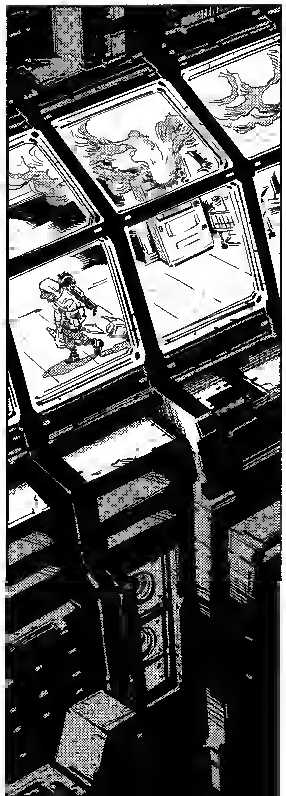


NO SMOKES? THIS ISN'T A JOKE, I NEED THEM!









THE CREATURES HERE CAUSE THIS PLACE TO BECOME A SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST IN ORDER TO WIN I NEED THE HEALING POWER OF CIGARETTES! I NEED THEM!!!
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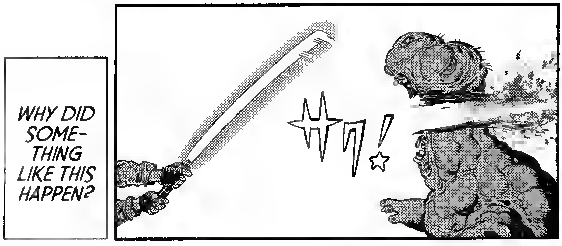
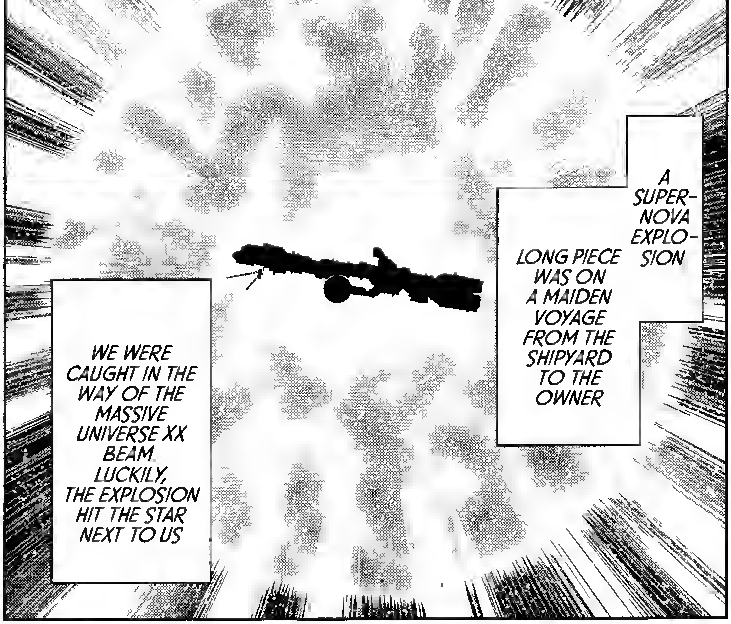
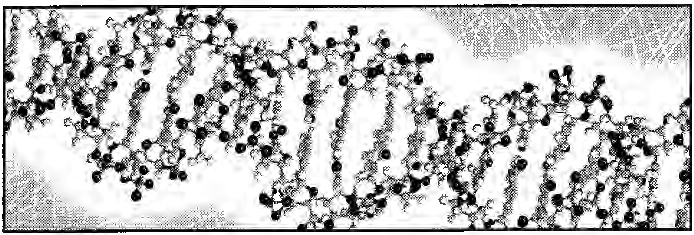

WHY DID SOME-THING LIKE THIS HAPPEN?
THESE GUYS USED TO BE FORMER COLLEAGUES OF MINE


A SUPER-NOVA EXPLO-SION
LONG PIECE WAS ON A MAIDEN VOYAGE FROM THE SHIPYARD TO THE OWNER
WE WERE CAUGHT IN THE WAY OF THE MASSIVE UNIVERSE XX BEAM. LUCKILY, THE EXPLOSION HIT THE STAR NEXT TO US

ALSO, THE DNA OF THE 80 CREW MEMBERS WERE MUTATED
THE SHIP'S PROPULSION SYSTEM WAS DESTROYED BY THE BEAM, AND SADLY, IT BECAME A DRIFTING SHIP



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THEY BECAME MONSTERS AND LOST THEIR HUMAN THOUGHTS
THEY KILL PEOPLE IN ORDER TO EAT, AND WITH THEM BEGAN THE COMPETITION FOR SURVIVAL
THIS SHIP WAS FILLED WITH MADNESS
COLLEAGUES... FRIENDS... ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THEY ALL CHANGED INTO MONSTERS. DAY AFTER DAY, WE KILLED EACH OTHER, AND NATURALLY, SMOKED ALL THE CIGARETTES
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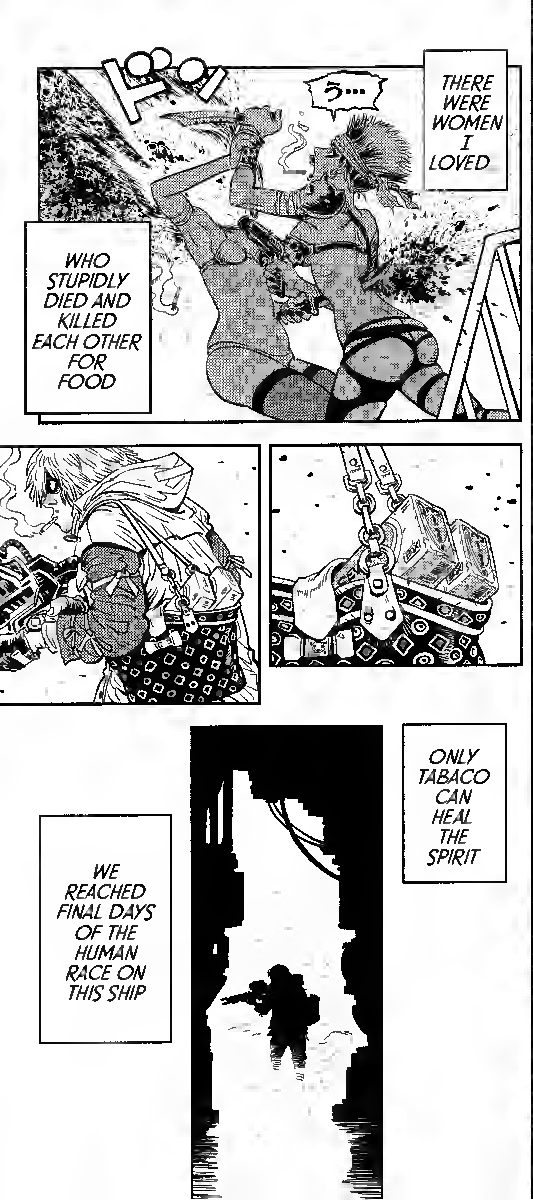
I BECAME A CHAIN SMOKER WHEN I WAS JUST AN UNDERLING GUARDING A WAREHOUSE,
BEFORE I WAS A SOLDIER
ONLY TABACO CAN HEAL THE SPIRIT
WE REACHED FINAL DAYS OF THE HUMAN RACE ON THIS SHIP
THERE WERE WOMEN I LOVED
WHO STUPIDLY DIED AND KILLED EACH OTHER FOR FOOD
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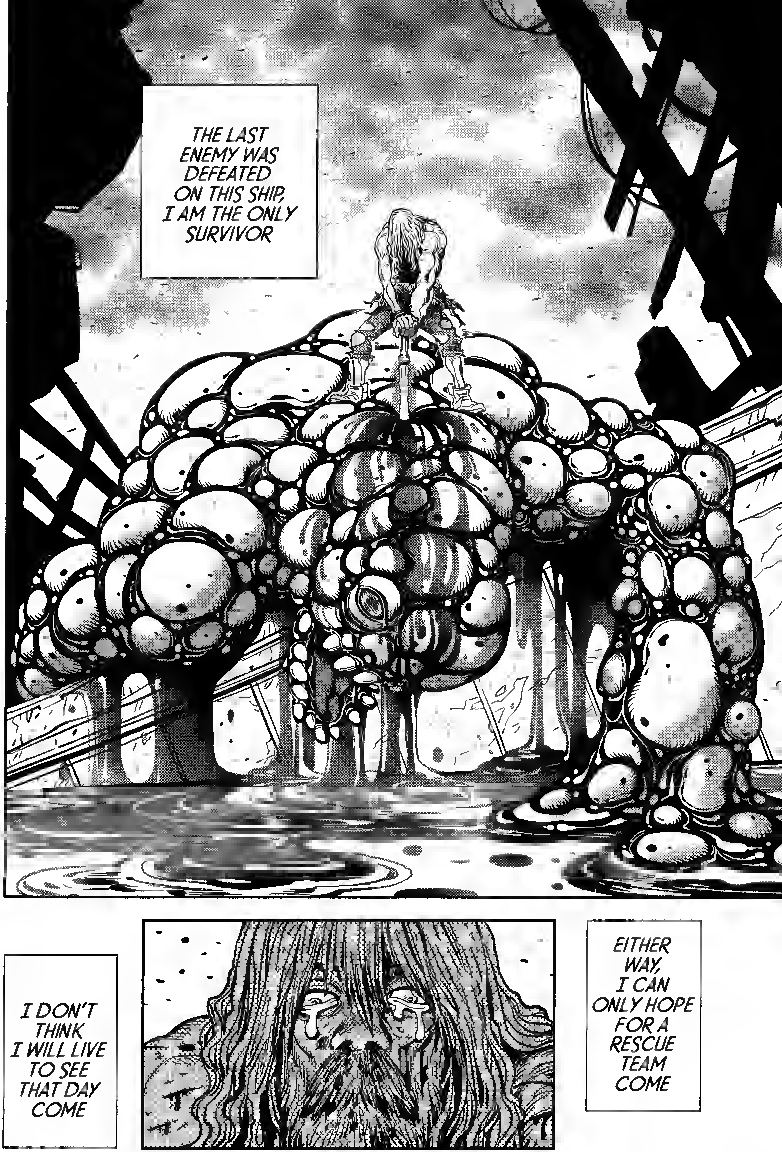
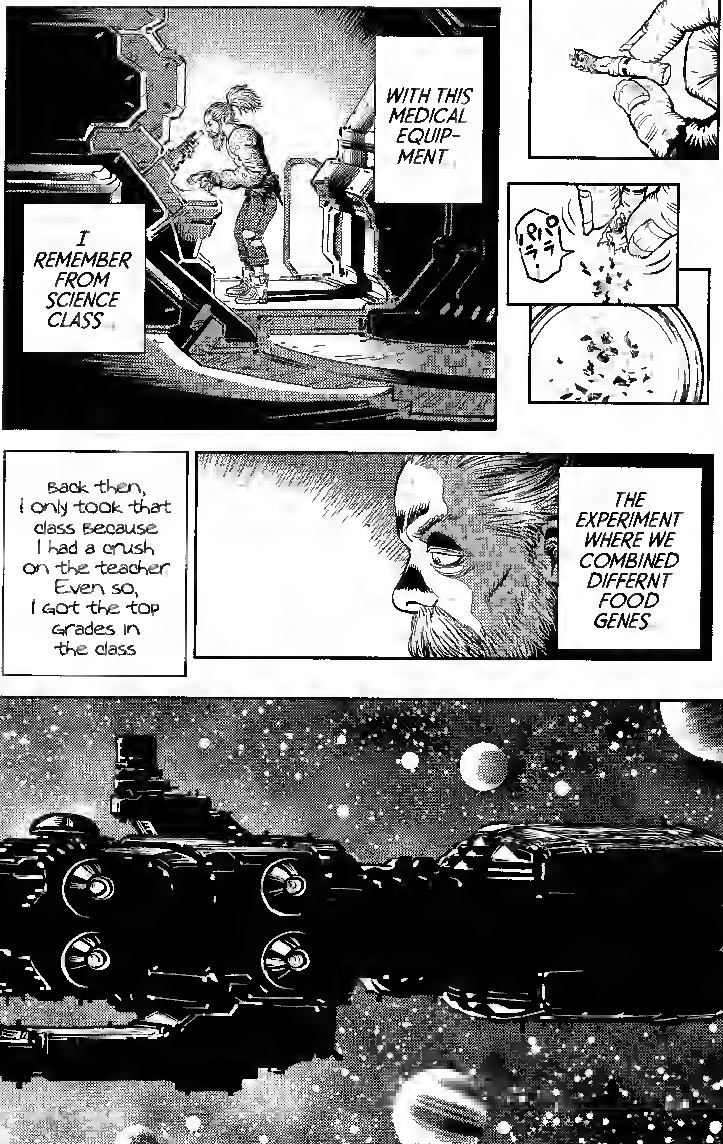
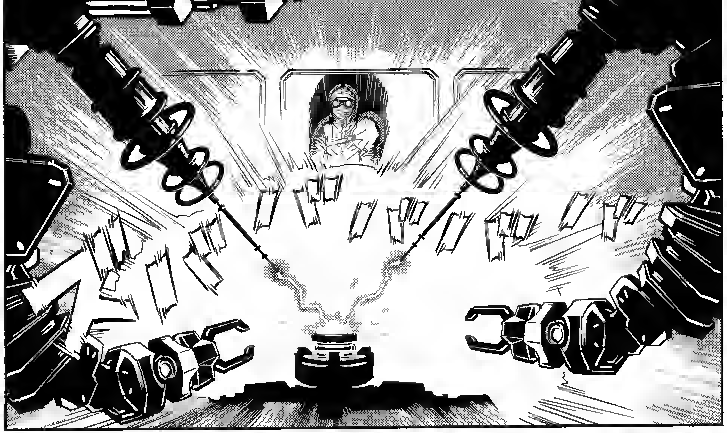
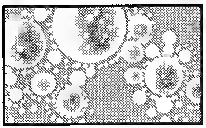
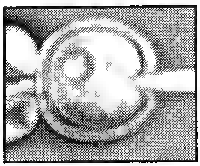

THE LAST ENEMY WAS DEFEATED ON THIS SHIP, I AM THE ONLY SURVIVOR
I DON'T THINK I WILL LIVE TO SEE THAT DAY COME
EITHER WAY, I CAN ONLY HOPE FOR A RESCUE TEAM COME

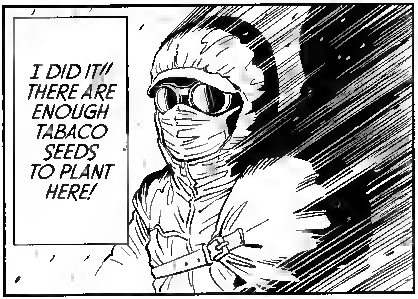
I ALSO WILL BECOME A MONSTER
BEFORE I AM NO LONGER A HUMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO SMOKE ONE MORE TIME,
EVEN IF IT'S JUST THIS OLD CIGARETTE BUTT

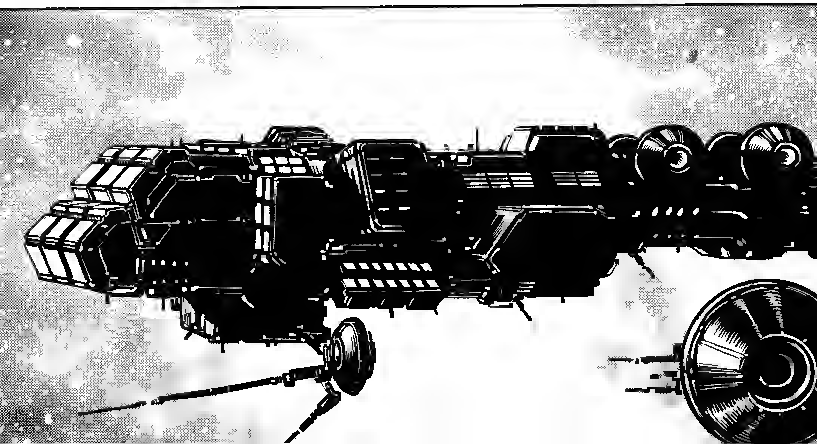

I REMEMBER FROM SCIENCE CLASS
WITH THIS MEDICAL EQUIP-MENT
Back then, I only took that class because I had a crush on the teacher. Even so, I got the top grades in the class
THE EXPERIMENT WHERE WE COMBINED DIFFERNT FOOD GENES








I DID IT// THERE ARE ENOUGH TABACO SEEDS TO PLANT HERE!



THESE YOUNG BUDS OF LEAVES ARE SHINING
MY HEART HAS BEEN WORN DOWN
UP UNTIL NOW, MY REASON FOR LIVING WAS TO STRUGGLE
TO KILL
I DID NOT KNOW HOW TO FIND JOY
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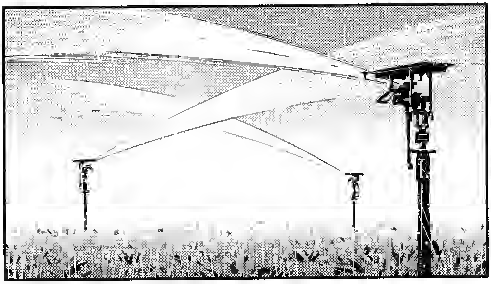
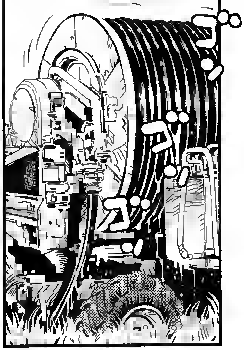
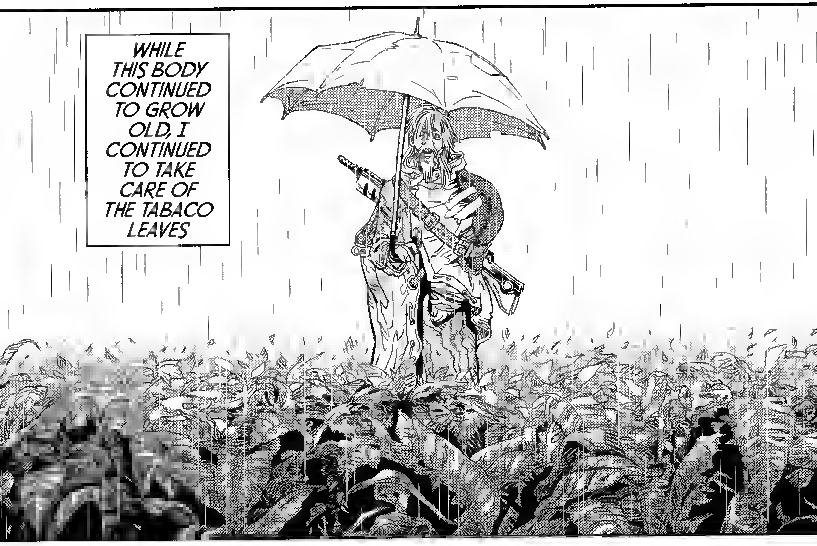
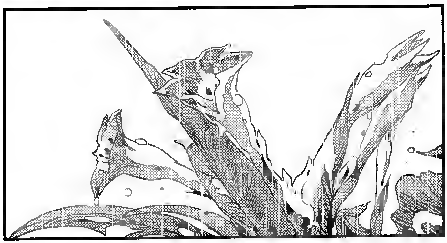
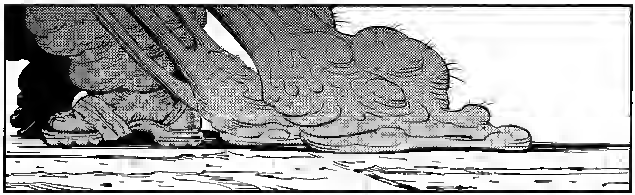
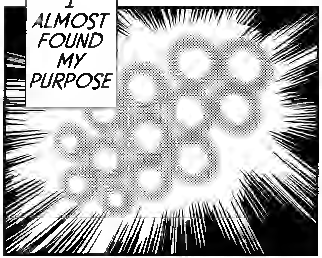


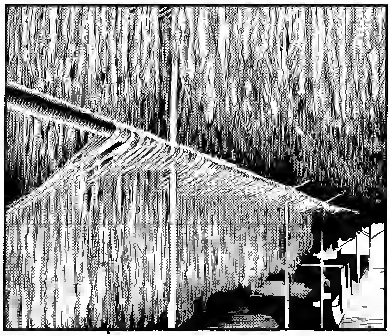



WHILE THIS BODY CONTINUED TO GROW OLD, I CONTINUED TO TAKE CARE OF THE TABACO LEAVES


DAY BY DAY, THE LEAVES SLOWLY GREW AND GOT BIGGER
IT IS...
GONE THAT FEELING OF EXCITE-MENT







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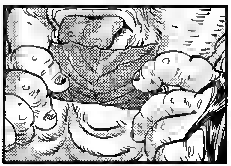
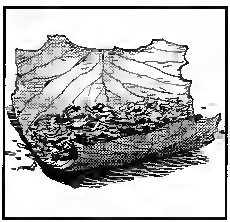
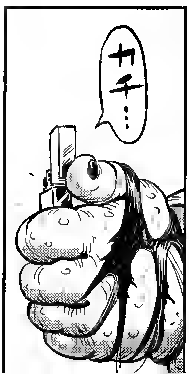
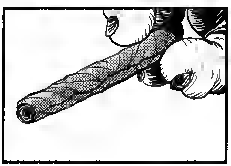
LIFE... THIS LAST CIGAR-ETTE...

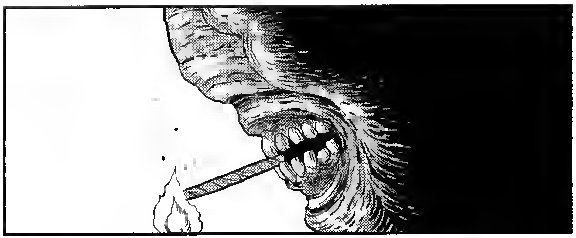








IN MY HANDS...



I WANT TO SHARE THIS HAPPINESS WITH SOMEONE...

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THERE IS

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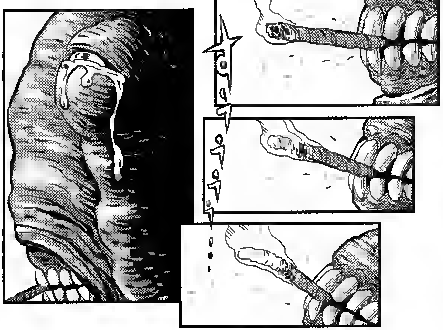

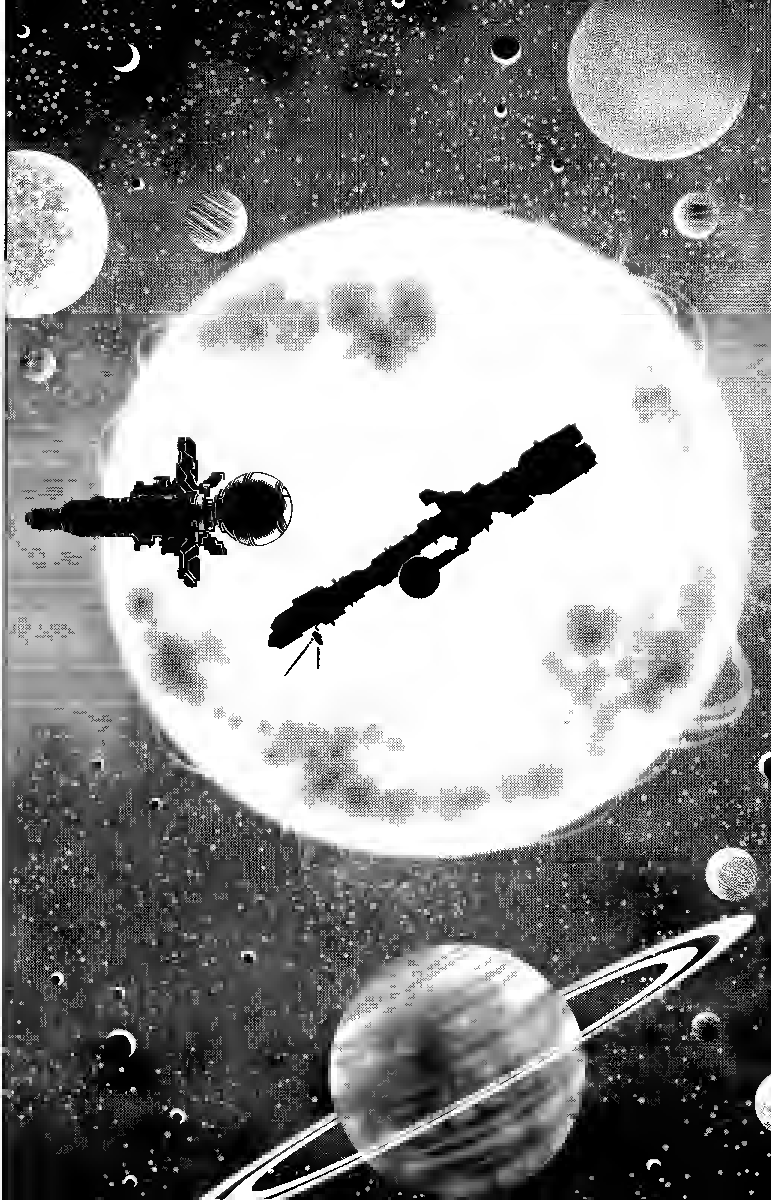

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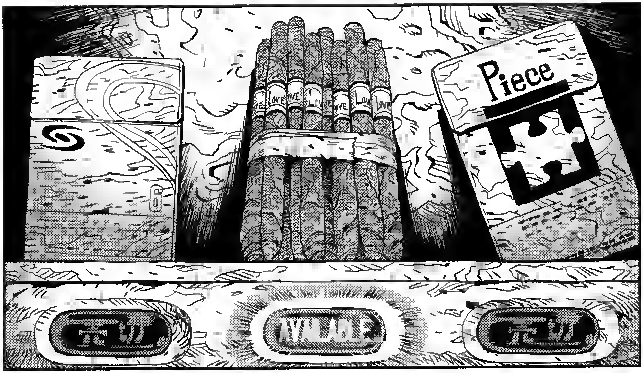
HEY, THIS IS AWFUL.. IT'S BEEN 200 YEARS HAVE SINCE THE DISTRESS SIGNAL...
THERE ARE BONES EVERYWHERE. EH? SOME STRANGE BONES AS WELL...
THEY PROBABLY KILLED EACH OTHER FOR FOOD...
MAD-NESS...
CAPTAIN, THAT...



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